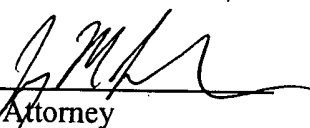


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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-8, 11-17, and 19-23.